

RI BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

DATE 11 July 2006

PLACE 1 Capitol Hill, 2nd Floor Conference Room B, Providence, RI

MEMBERS PRESENT Messrs. DiOrio, Lipsitz, Reddington and Sheldon

**OTHERS PRESENT Ms. Christina Styron, Administrative Assistant
Mr. Peter N. Dennehy, Esquire, Legal Counsel**

CALLED TO ORDER Chairman DiOrio called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

AGENDA ITEM #1 Mr. Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Secretary Reddington, to

Approval of Minutes approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the 13 June 2006

meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #2 Because of the nature of the following items, Vice Chairman Sheldon made Executive Session a motion at 1:06 PM, seconded by Mr. Lipsitz, to hold an

Executive Session according to Section 42-46-5a of the Rhode Island

General Laws, for sessions or work sessions pertaining to collective

bargaining or litigation under Section 42-46-5(A)(2) and for investigative

proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct under

Section 42-46-5(A)(4) and the motion was passed. See Executive Session

Minutes Agenda.

Vice Chairman Sheldon made a motion at 1:50 PM, seconded Secretary Reddington, to come out of Executive Session. The motion was passed unanimously.

Record of Votes Taken in Executive Session

Executive Agenda Item #1 - Mr. Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Secretary Reddington, to continue this matter until the next meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Agenda Item 2 - Vice Chairman Sheldon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lipsitz, to continue this matter until the next meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Agenda Item 3 - Vice Chairman Sheldon made a motion, seconded by Secretary Reddington to continue this matter until the next meeting since Mr. Federici is the investigator in this matter and is not present today. The motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Agenda Item 4 - Mr. Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Secretary Reddington, to continue this matter until the next meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Agenda Item 5 - Mr. Lipsitz made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Sheldon to continue this matter until the next meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

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Executive Agenda Item 6 – Secretary Reddington made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lipsitz, to continue this matter until the next meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Agenda Item 2 b.c. - Secretary Reddington made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lipsitz, to close this matter. The motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Agenda Item 2 b.d. - Vice Chairman Sheldon made a motion, seconded by Secretary Reddington, to conditionally approve the COA involved in this matter upon receipt of the amended application and to have Attorney Dennehy send a letter to the person involved in this matter's attorney. The motion was passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #3 1. A letter from Matthew Brown, Secretary of State, regarding managing Correspondence Public Records was received.

2. State of Idaho newsletter was received.

3. A memorandum from NCEES regarding the National Pass rates for the surveying exams was received.

4. RISPLS Newsletter was received.

5. A memorandum from NCEES regarding ELSES exam proctoring was received.

AGENDA ITEM #4 a. Legislation - Attorney Dennehy gave a status report:

Old Business

Continuing Education Exemption Repeal Bill – This bill did not pass. This will no longer appear as an Agenda Item until next session.

Increasing Fines Bill - House Bill No. 7575 – This bill was passed as amended adding the words “knowingly and willfully” before you can prove a violation. This will no longer appear as an Agenda Item.

Attorney Dennehy will draft letters of thanks to the politicians involved in assisting the Board with these bills.

The Board will ask the Society to publish something in their newsletter regarding the passage of H-7575 and we will put it on our website.

Comity Applicants - Secretary Reddington and Mr. Federici are still working on developing a guideline as a policy. We will target August for re-visitation.

b. Statewide Planning/RIGIS - There is no update at this time.

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**c. CEU committee - CEU committee - The following courses were
reviewed and assigned PDH value as follows:**

Sponsor Date Seminar/Course Title PDH Value

**PESI 5-11-06 RI Easements: Rights of
Way & Other Encumbrances 8**

ACSM 4-21-26-06 36 Workshop Presentations

At 2006 ACSM Annual Conference held in

Orland, FL 1 per

**50 minutes
of participation**

**NBI 8-23-06 Eminent Domain:
Legal Update 7**

**NBI 10-3-06 Land Use Law: Current
Issues in Subdivision & Zoning 7**

Land Surveyor's

Workshops ongoing

ALTA/ACSM-The New Standards & how to apply them

Advanced techniques for Carlson 2006

Carlson Survey Software: Organizing & setting up CAD

Drawing a Map using your computer: The basics after initial set-up

FEMA for Land Surveyors

Horizontal Alignment

Hydrology for Surveyors II

Introduction to Laser Scanning

Maps and Charts

Marketing, Pr & Advertising for the Small Professional Office

Organize your computer files (emphasis on CAD files)

Small Business Management Tools with Spreadsheets

The Seven Deadly Sins of Surveying

SurvCE Introduction Course Outline – Field Users

Using Microsoft Word & Excel in a Small Surveying Office

Adverse Possession

The Surveyors Role in the Transfer of Real Property

Insurance Needs of the Surveyor

1 per

each hour of lecture

Land Surveyor's

Workshops 2-24-3-3-06 Ethics for Land Surveyors

Intro. To New Tech. in Surv. I

The LS Field Guide to Client Types

Astronomy for Land Surveyors

Legal Descriptions-Do's & Don't's

1 per

each hour of Participation

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Secretary Reddington made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman

Sheldon, to approve the above listed courses and PDH values as indicated. The motion was passed unanimously.

The following courses were reviewed:

Sponsor	Date	Seminar/Course Title	PDH Value
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LORMAN	3-31-06	Interpretation of Government Contracts Teleconference	0
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LORMAN	5-3-06	Redevelopment Of Contaminated Property Teleconference	0
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LORMAN	6-16-06	The Turbulent State of Federal Wetlands Jurisdiction Teleconference	0
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LORMAN	6-23-06	Developing A Property Management Plan Teleconference	0
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LORMAN	8-17-06	Principals of Erosion & Sediment Control Teleconference	0
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LORMAN	9-19-06	Smart Growth, Conservation Planning & Open Space Teleconference	0
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LORMAN	9-20-06	Water Quality Issues	
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**Affecting Wastewater Treatment Plants: 2006
& Beyond Teleconference 0**

**LORMAN 9-25-06 Growth Management: How
Communities Grow/Change/Redevelop In A Post- Katrina &
Post-Kelo World Teleconference 0**

**Vice Chairman Sheldon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lipsitz, to
deny approval of the above listed LORMAN Teleconferences and any
and/all teleconferences for Land Surveying Continuing Education
credits based upon the fact that we cannot verify attendance or
results. The motion was passed unanimously.**

The following courses were reviewed:

Sponsor Date Seminar/Course Title PDH Value

**PESI 4-6-7-06 Ethics, Professionalism
& the Boundary Specialist**

**Emerging Trends in Surveying
& Real Property Law**

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Secretary Reddington made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Sheldon, to not take any action on the above two listed courses unless requested by a registrant of this Board. The motion was passed unanimously.

A request for approval of a PESI course “Deeds, Descriptions and the Law” for 8.4 PDH’s held on 5-8 & 5-9-06 was received from James R. Weaver, PLS #1845.

Secretary Reddington made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Sheldon, to approve the above listed course for 8 PDH’s. The motion was passed unanimously.

d. Administrative Issues

- Budget -There is no update at this time.**

- **Website – Ms. Styron is continuing to work on updating the website.**

- **BOR Schedule – Mr. Federici and Ms. Styron will work on this.**

e. NCEES –There is no update at this time.

f. NSPS - There is no update at this time.

g. Education

- **CCRI Update - There is no update at this time.**

h. Pending Policies

- **Interim (Emergency) COA – There is no update at this time.**

i. Miscellaneous -

Re-writing of the Technical Standards & Code of Ethics – Secretary Reddington, Mr. Lipsitz have met and will continue to work on the rewrite over the next few months and make recommendations to the Board.

AGENDA ITEM #5 a. COA Application Review

New Business

The following applications were reviewed:

- 1. Steven M. Pinch, LLC – changing from a sole proprietor to a LLC**
- 2. Turning Point Survey Company, Inc. – changing from a sole proprietor to a corporation**
- 3. James Kasierski – changing from exempt to a sole proprietor**
- 4. Timothy H. Kinder – applying as exempt**

Secretary Reddington made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Sheldon, to approve the above listed COA's. The motion was passed unanimously.

b. LSIT/PLS Application Review – There are no applications at this time.

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c. Miscellaneous

- BOR Schedule – Mr. Federici proposed that he and Ms. Styron work**

on putting together a yearly Board schedule. They will work on this.

d. Comments from the General Public - There is nothing at this time.

e. The next Board meeting will be 8 August 2006 at 1:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned on the appropriate motion and was

approved unanimously at 4:06 PM.

